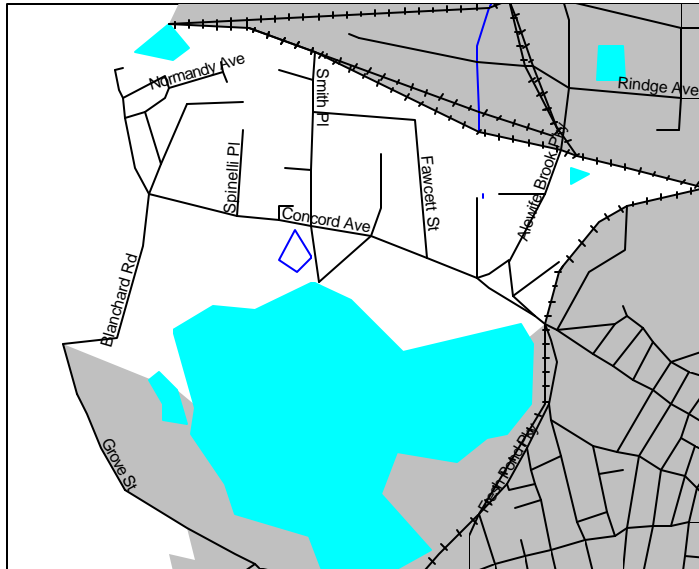
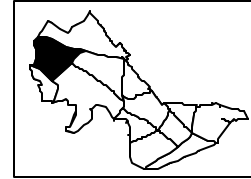


NEIGHBORHOOD 12 HIGHLANDS



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

POPULATION: 582 residents
281 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,125

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

2002 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

The first **housebreak** of the year in Neighborhood #12 was recorded during the third quarter when a residence on Normandy Ave was entered through a rear door over the Fourth of July holiday. No force was used to gain entry to the house and jewelry was the target of the thieves. Housebreaks are few and far between in the Highlands. The only other break reported in this area since 1999 was the result of a domestic altercation. • The only **street robbery** to occur in this neighborhood was an incident in the Fresh Pond Mall parking lot in May. The assailant approached the victim with a knife and stole his jewelry. This was only the third street robbery in Neighborhood #12 since 1997. All three of the robberies in this five-year span have been in the vicinity of the mall parking lot. • The sole **drug arrest** occurred after police were flagged down for a motorist who had overdosed. The Waltham resident was later charged with possession of methadone. • There were only four **larceny from motor vehicles** (No statistical change) counted in this area over the summer months. The incidents were scattered in the 500 block of Concord Ave. • The major crime problem to emerge in Neighborhood #12 during the third quarter was the 125% increase in **malicious destruction**. Sporadic spree of pin striping and tagging of vehicles at the Fresh Pond lot on weekend nights are driving the increase in vandalism.

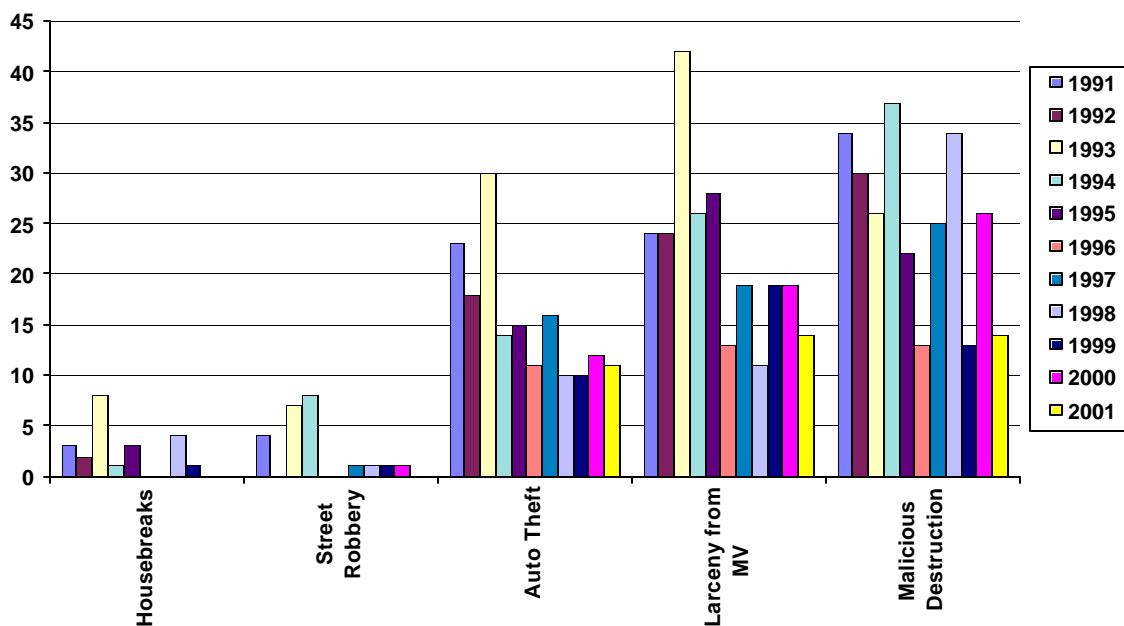
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	3 rd Q 2001	3 rd Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	0	1	<u>Inc.</u>
Street Robbery	0	1	<u>Inc.</u>
Auto Theft	10	2	-80%
Larceny from MVs	10	10	N.C.
Malicious Destruction	8	18	+125%
Drug Arrests	3	1	-67%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial, and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the 13 neighborhoods.
- Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction** has sometimes become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- Larcenies from Persons** exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocket pickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	6	13	3	13	13
Street Robbery	8	12	3	13	13
Auto Theft	54	11	16	11	13
Larceny from MVs	38	12	23	12	12
Malicious Destruction	28	12	26	12	12

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest